

**RED CLAY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION  
TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF ADDITIONAL TAXES**

Notice is hereby given that a special election will be held on Thursday, February 28, 2008, in the Red Clay Consolidated School District in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 19 of Title 14 of the Delaware Code, in order to permit the voters of the district to vote for or against increasing current operating expense taxes by 15 cents per \$100 of assessed value or \$7.6 million effective July 1, 2008 for the 2008-2009 school year, by an additional 5 cents per \$100 of assessed value or \$2.6 million effective July 1, 2009 for the 2009-2010 school year, and by an additional 5 cents per \$100 of assessed value or \$2.6 million effective July 1, 2010 for the 2010-2011 school year, yielding a new total increase of 25 cents over 3 years.

**AUTHORITY TO LEVY ADDITIONAL TAXES FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES**

Income from the levy will be used for current operating expenses to support educational programs in the district, including the following:

- Restoring school instructional budgets
- Updating technology
- Implementing district-wide full day kindergarten
- Reinstating after-school activities and middle school athletics
- Purchasing new textbooks and library books
- Operating cost increases (e.g., salaries, benefits, transportation)
- Increasing security for schools and buses
- Re-establishing required year-end balance

If voters approve the tax increase, the current expense tax rate will be as follows:

Effective July 1, 2007 (current rate)	.976 per hundred dollars of assessed value
Effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 increased to	1.126 per hundred dollars of assessed value
Effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 increased to	1.176 per hundred dollars of assessed value
Effective July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 increased to	1.226 per hundred dollars of assessed value

For the average homeowner in the district, the annual cost increase in the first year is \$114, and an additional increase of \$38 in 2009 and \$38 in 2010.

The polls for the Special Election will be open Thursday, February 28, 2008 between the hours of 10 A.M. and 8 P.M. in the locations listed below. All voting locations are handicapped accessible.

A.I. DU PONT HIGH SCHOOL  
50 Hillside Rd, Greenville

H.B. DU PONT MIDDLE SCHOOL  
735 Meeting House Rd, Hockessin

MOTE ELEM. SCHOOL  
2110 Edwards Ave, Wilmington

A.I. DU PONT MIDDLE SCHOOL  
3130 Kennett Pike, Wilmington

HERITAGE ELEM. SCHOOL  
2815 Highlands Ln, Wilmington

NORTH STAR ELEM. SCHOOL  
1340 Little Baltimore Rd, Hockessin

BALTZ ELEM. SCHOOL  
1500 Spruce Ave, Elsmere

HIGHLANDS ELEM. SCHOOL  
2100 Gilpin Ave, Wilmington

RICHARDSON PARK ELEM. SCHOOL  
16 Idella Ave, Wilmington

BRANDYWINE SPRINGS SCHOOL  
2916 Duncan Rd, Wilmington

LEWIS DUAL LANGUAGE ELEM. SCHOOL  
920 N. Van Buren St, Wilmington

RICHEY ELEM. SCHOOL  
105 E. Highland Ave, Wilmington

CAB CALLOWAY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS  
100 N. du Pont Rd, Wilmington

LINDEN HILL ELEM. SCHOOL  
3415 Skyline Dr, Wilmington

SHORTLIDGE ACADEMY  
100 W. 18th St, Wilmington

CARVEL STATE OFFICE BUILDING  
820 N. French St, Wilmington

LOS JARDINES  
1000 W. 5<sup>th</sup> St, Wilmington

SKYLINE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
2900 Skyline Ave, Wilmington

CONRAD SCHOOLS OF SCIENCE  
201 Jackson Ave, Wilmington

MARBROOK ELEM. SCHOOL  
2101 Centerville Rd, Wilmington

STANTON MIDDLE SCHOOL  
1800 Limestone Rd, Wilmington

DICKINSON HIGH SCHOOL  
1801 Milltown Rd, Wilmington

MCKEAN HIGH SCHOOL  
301 McKennan's Church Rd, Wilmington

WARNER ELEM. SCHOOL  
801 W. 18<sup>th</sup> St, Wilmington

FOREST OAK ELEM. SCHOOL  
55 S. Meadowood Dr, Newark

**QUALIFICATIONS TO VOTE**

- Must be a citizen of the United States and the State of Delaware
- Must be a resident of the Red Clay Consolidated School District
- Must be 18 years of age or older
- You do NOT have to be a registered voter

**ABSENTEE BALLOT**

Any individual qualified to vote in this election may vote by absentee ballot if the voter is unable to appear at a polling place on February 28, 2008 for any of the following reasons: (1) temporary or permanent physical disability; (2) public service for the U.S. or the State of Delaware; (3) spouse or dependent of, and residing with or accompanying, a person in public service of the U.S. or the State of Delaware; (4) engaged in a business or occupation precluding appearance at a polling place; (5) sickness; (6) the tenets or teaching of the voter's religion; (7) incarceration; (8) absence from the district while on vacation; (9) temporarily residing outside the U.S. and District of Columbia; (10) illness or injury received while serving in the Armed Forces of the U.S.; (11) a member of the U.S. Armed Forces; (12) a member of the American Red Cross or U.S.O.; or (13) a member of the U.S. Merchant Marine. Such a qualified person may vote by absentee ballot provided the voter executes an Affidavit of Voter Eligibility on the form prescribed by the State Department of Elections and delivers the Affidavit to the New Castle County Department of Elections by 4:30 P.M. on February 21, 2008. Upon timely receipt of the executed Affidavit of Voter Eligibility, the Department of Elections shall deliver a ballot to the voter if the voter personally appears at the Department of Elections. If the voter instructs the Department of Elections to mail the ballot to the voter, the Affidavit must be received by the Department of Elections no later than 4:30 P.M. on February 21, 2008. All absentee ballots must be returned to the Department of Elections no later than 8 P.M. on February 28, 2008.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER**

If a State of Emergency is declared on February 28, 2008, the Special Election will be held on Friday, February 29, 2008 between the hours of 10 A.M. and 8 P.M. Additional information and instructions concerning the State of Emergency would be posted on the district website ([www.redclay.k12.de.us](http://www.redclay.k12.de.us)).

**PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION AND ADDRESS**

Persons appearing to vote must present satisfactory proof of identity and address to the Election Officers at the Polling Place before being permitted to vote. Persons who do not present satisfactory proof of identity and address, may – upon majority vote of the Inspector and the two Judges – be permitted to vote.

By order of the RED CLAY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

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